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1. EMBASSY CONCERN REGARDING GENERAL US-ROMANIAN EXCHANGE AMBIANCE AS EXPRESSED IN FAILURE OF ROMANIAN SIDE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. VISAS FOR 1974-75 ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS TO DATE WAS RAISED WITH VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE EMIL BODNARAS AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION NICULESCU-MIZIL DURING CALLS BY DHEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER THIS WEEK. BOTH REPEATED WHAT HAS BECOME FAMILIAR REFRAIN THAT THESE ARE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND DO NOT HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. MIZIL PROMISED TO TRY TO EXPEDITE THINGS.

2. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS SEEN NO SIGN OF MOVEMENT ON QUESTION OF EXIT VISAS FOR ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT THE PROBLEM IS "OUTSIDE OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION" BUT NO RESULTS HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING DESPITE OUR APPROACHES. (FYI - 1973-74 ROMANIAN GRANTEES RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR HAVE BEEN PROCESSED WITHOUT DELAY. END FYI.)

3. FOR NEXT SERIES OF APPROACHES HERE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPLY ON LENGTH OF DELAYS
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WHICH ARE TOLERABLE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SITUATION WITH

RESEARCHERS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS IS MORE FLEXIBLE. WE ARE,
HOWEVER, CONCERNED WITH UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT
FOR ARITON VRACIU. ACADEMIC YEAR THERE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16
WITH ARRIVAL REQUESTED PRECEDING WEEK. ON THIS BASIS, VRACIU
MUST DEPART HERE ON TAROM FLIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 10. APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH SEATTLE AND ADVISE EMBASSY IF, TO INSURE
HIS PARTICIPATION, WE CAN ACCEPT DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 17 FROM
ROMANIA WITH EARLIEST SUBSEQUENT ARRIVAL AT UNIVERSITY.
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